

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006 – 0800 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate nationally with 231 new fires reported. Six new large fires were reported, five in the Southern Area, and one in the Rocky Mountain Area. Two large fires were contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Kansas, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Illinois, Maryland, Arkansas, Florida, and Virginia.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

EAST AMARILLO COMPLEX, Texas Forest Service. This fire is near Jerico, TX in grass. This complex consists of the Borger and I-40 fires. The county of Lipscomb and portions of Ochiltree and Hemphill counties were evacuated. Shifting winds are hampering containment efforts.

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hannemann) is in place in Granbury, TX. The Team is assisting local jurisdictions with managing existing fires and initial attack within the 220,000 square mile West Zone fire management response area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hinds) is in place in Childress, TX. Two new fires were reported. Large fires within the management area include the Templin, Road 16B, East Amarillo Complex, Buckle L 2 and Pleasant Valley fires. Acres, structure losses and costs have been adjusted to represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

OKLAHOMA FIRE RESPONSE, Oklahoma State. An Oklahoma State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Roberts) is assigned in Shawnee, OK. The Team is assisting local, state, and federal jurisdictions with managing existing fires and initial attack in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma National Guard is assisting with four helicopters. Ten new fires were reported. Acres, structure losses and costs have been adjusted to represent cumulative ABC Miscellaneous fire activity statewide since January 1.

MOORE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles northeast of Moore, OK in grass and hardwood litter. Temporary evacuations in southeast Oklahoma City occurred. Interstate 240 was closed, and air operations at Tinker Air Force Base were curtailed due to fire activity.

NO MAN'S LAND, Ouachita National Forest. This fire is seven miles west of Black Springs, AR in hardwood litter and brush. Spotting, upslope runs and running ground fire were observed. Thick underbrush and steep, rocky terrain are impeding containment progress. A burn out operation is planned.

BUCKLE L 2, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 10 miles south of Childress, TX in brush. Minimal fire activity was observed.

CEDAR LAKE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is 12 miles southwest of El Reno, OK in grass. Slow fire spread with occasional flare-ups was reported. Line construction in a river bottom is slowing containment progress.

FLEETWOOD, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is nine miles southeast of Ryan, OK. No further information was received.

SLICK, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is nine miles east of Mannford, OK. Rapid rates of spread were reported. No further information was received.

ADAMS, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is eight miles northeast of Hardesty, OK in grass. No further information was received.

TEMPLIN, Texas Forest Service. This fire is five miles west of Tennyson, TX in brush and slash. Active fire behavior with 30 to 40 foot flame lengths was observed. Rough and steep terrain is impeding containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
EAST AMARILLO COMPLEX	TX	TXS	705,000	50	UNK	206	0	77	0	89	NR	ST
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	3,054	NR	UNK	441	0	102	7	0	NR	N/A
OKLAHOMA FIRE RESPONSE	OK	OKS	116,029	NR	UNK	169	0	22	4	0	8.2M	ST
MOORE	OK	OKS	2,500	40	3/19	0	0	0	0	1	NR	ST
NO MAN'S LAND	AR	OUF	300	0	UNK	54	2	2	2	0	NR	FS
BUCKLE L 2	TX	TXS	40,000	85	UNK	36	0	2	4	0	NR	ST
CEDAR LAKE	OK	OKS	2,950	85	3/17	0	0	0	0	6	NR	ST
FLEETWOOD	OK	OKS	600	90	3/18	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
SLICK	OK	OKS	413	40	3/19	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
ADAMS	OK	OKS	1,600	95	3/16	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
TEMPLIN	TX	TXS	750	NR	UNK	21	0	2	3	0	NR	ST
GOAT TRAIL	VA	VAS	400	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
ZEMEL	FL	FLS	312	100	---	5	0	0	1	0	2K	PRI

VAS - Virginia Department of Forestry

FLS - Florida Division of Forestry

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

HANSTON EAST, Kansas Counties. This fire is three miles south of Hanston, KS in grass. This incident is comprised of two separate fires. A local disaster declaration has been issued. No further information was received.

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HANSTON EAST	KS	KSX	3,840	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	2	NR	CNTY

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Widespread Warnings are in effect today across the Western half of OK for low humidities (only moderate winds today 10 to 15 mph). One last day of Red Flag lower humidity conditions over the northern half of Florida.

Weather Discussion: A low pressure system and associated cold front will progress eastward across the central and southern Plains today, and into the Ohio Valley, bringing showers and thunderstorms. Behind the system, winds will decrease somewhat over the southern Plains and southern Rockies; winds combined with continued dry conditions over this region will keep fire potential high. Dry conditions will continue today over much of the East Coast states extending down to Florida.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<p>Southern Area Texas Panhandle/Oklahoma: Mostly sunny to partly cloudy.</p> <p>Appalachian Mountains and Mid-Atlantic States: partly cloudy.</p> <p>Southeast Atlantic states and Florida: partly cloudy</p>	<p>60s to 70s.</p> <p>Near 50 to near 60s.</p> <p>60s to 70s.</p>	<p>Teens to 20%s.</p> <p>20%s to 30%s.</p> <p>20%s to low 30%s.</p>	<p>Northerly to about 15 mph.</p> <p>West/Northwest 8 to 18 mph.</p> <p>East to southeast to about 10 mph.</p>
<p>Southwest Area Mostly sunny to partly cloudy.</p>	<p>35 to 50 mountains. 57 to 78 lower elevations.</p>	<p>10 to 20%, except 10 to 20% higher mountain areas.</p>	<p>South to southwest 5 to 20 mph in Arizona. South to southwest winds 10 to 20 mph in much of New Mexico. South to southeast winds 10 to 20 mph west Texas and eastern plains of New Mexico.</p>
<p>Southern California Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers over Central California. The snow level will be around 5,000 feet.</p>	<p>40 to 55 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 55 to 65 upper deserts. 70 to 80 lower deserts.</p>	<p>50 to 70% Central California and 30 to 50% Southern California.</p>	<p>Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p>Rocky Mountain Partly sunny with isolated rain or snow showers.</p>	<p>50s south portions, with mid 20 to mid 30s in the north.</p>	<p>10% to 20% in eastern Colorado and western Kansas, higher values elsewhere.</p>	<p>Northwest 15 to 30 mph in Kansas and Nebraska, otherwise variable 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p>Eastern Area Partly to mostly cloudy over the Northeast and northern Mid-Atlantic states. Snow showers along the shores of the eastern Great Lakes and across Maine.</p> <p>A cool front will advance east through the southern Big Rivers. Partly cloudy skies are expected.</p>	<p>40 to 50 in Pennsylvania, New Jersey. 35 to 45 across the Northeast.</p> <p>55 to 65 across the southern Big Rivers.</p>	<p>30 to 40% over Pennsylvania. 23 to 33% across New Jersey and the Northeast.</p> <p>28 to 38% over the southern Big Rivers</p>	<p>Northwest 15 to 25 mph with occasional higher gusts over the Northeast, diminishing from southwest to northeast over this area later in the day.</p> <p>South to southwest 10 to 18 mph in the morning becoming northwest at 12 to 20 mph. across the southern Big Rivers.</p>



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OPERATIONAL BRIEFINGS

Operational briefings are critical to safe fire operations. To ensure a consistent and effective briefing, a standardized briefing checklist should always be used. The following checklist is printed on the cover of the NWCG Incident Response Pocket Guide:

Situation:

Fire name, location, map orientation, other incidents in the area

- Terrain influences
- Fuel type and conditions
- Fire weather (previous, current, and expected)
- Fire behavior (previous, current, and expected)

Mission/Execution:

- Command (Incident Commander/immediate supervisor)
- Commander's intent
- Specific tactical assignments
- Contingency plans

Communications:

- Communication Plan (tactical, command, air/ground frequencies, cell phone numbers, etc.)
- Medivac Plan

Service/Support:

- Other resources that may be working adjacent to you and those available to order
- Aviation operations
- Logistics (e.g., transportation, supplies, equipment)

Risk Management:

- Identify known hazards and risks
- Identify control measures to eliminate hazards and reduce risk
- Identify trigger points for disengagement or reevaluation of operational plan

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		100					100
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2				1		3
	ACRES	0				1		1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1		2		3
	ACRES			175		3,944		4,119
Eastern Area	FIRES					6	2	8
	ACRES					16	8	24
Southern Area	FIRES			3	1	201	11	216
	ACRES			118	0	2,403	129	2,650
TOTAL	FIRES	2	1	4	1	210	13	231
	ACRES	0	100	293	0	6,364	137	6,894

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Northern California	FIRES					64	8	72
	ACRES					1,530	1,244	2,774
Southern California	FIRES		4				15	19
	ACRES		10				498	508
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1		1	1	1	4
	ACRES		100		223	0	10	333
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	2			1		3
	ACRES	51	10			28		89
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		1			8
	ACRES		9		1			10
Southwest	FIRES	107	25	1	24	145	114	416
	ACRES	667	1,331	431	3,490	180,255	11,926	198,100
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	6	6	7	2	90	20	131
	ACRES	231	0	1,247	0	51,883	7,315	60,676
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		1	3	1,090	107	1,202
	ACRES	1		5	52	27,099	1,747	28,904
Southern Area	FIRES	264		86	12	12,452	307	13,121
	ACRES	14,252		11,201	1,405	720,922	10,953	758,733
TOTAL	FIRES	378	45	95	43	13,845	572	14,978
	ACRES	15,202	1,460	12,884	5,171	981,718	33,693	1,050,128

Five Year Average Fires	10,184
Five Year Average Acres	148,575

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		30					30
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						19	19
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				360			360
Southern Area	FIRES			1			8	9
	ACRES			223			1,727	1,950
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	1	0	13	16
	ACRES	0	30	223	360	0	1,746	2,359

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		81	3			13	97
	ACRES		1,978	183			109	2,270
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	3	2		47	67
	ACRES	101	49	1,324	6		704	2,184
Southern California	FIRES		4	2			46	52
	ACRES		280	24			1,389	1,693
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		463					463
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	4				1	6
	ACRES	4	754				178	936
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		10	10				20
Southwest	FIRES	7	2	2			39	50
	ACRES	318	35	320			5,962	6,635
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	4	22	4	12	54	98
	ACRES	160	110	5,072	52	324	5,416	11,134
Eastern Area	FIRES			16	4	171	52	243
	ACRES			1,074	1,512	18,224	15,476	36,286
Southern Area	FIRES			89	7	186	440	722
	ACRES			40,248	6,069	97,509	340,332	484,158
TOTAL	FIRES	22	100	138	17	369	692	1,338
	ACRES	583	3,679	48,255	7,639	116,057	369,566	545,779

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California			1							
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									1	
Southern Area	2		48	204	6	19	5		170	253
Total	2	0	49	204	6	19	5	0	171	253

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